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## “Crypt for one – no waiting.”



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

The cryptkeeper in front of SSgt. Michael L. Culver's home at 1603 Tulagi appears rather solemn about his work. After all, burying people is a “grave” business.

## Commanding Officer posts new Sergeant Major Friday

By GySgt. Frank Patterson

Public Affairs Chief

The base approaches the 21st Century with the guidance of a new senior enlisted Marine Friday.

SgtMaj. William B. Walsh passes the sword of command to SgtMaj. John D. Hathaway in a 10 a.m. ceremony at Sorensen Field.

Walsh, a native of Santa Fe, N.M., will continue on overseas assuming the mantle of leadership at Camp Fuji, Japan.

Hathaway enlisted in the Marines at El Paso, Texas, on Oct. 22, 1974. After graduating boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Infantry Training School at Camp Pendleton, he transferred to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines in Okinawa where he served as a rifleman and fire team leader.

In July 1976, Hathaway attended Marine Security Guard School at Henderson Hall, Washington, D.C., later serving at the American embassies in Bamako, Mali, West Afrika, and Bon, Germany.

Two years later he returned to the infantry side, serving with

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## Base ‘re-forms’ copier services

By Kim Whaley

Cost Reduction Advisory Board

The base started receiving the first of 33 new photocopiers from Sharp Electronics Tuesday.

The base is getting the new machines through a Defense Automated Printing Service blanket purchase agreement.

The four-year rental contract includes machine maintenance and will save more than \$58,000 in annual maintenance costs alone.

Supplies such as toner and repair parts are also covered under the rental agreement producing even greater savings. The contract includes the cost of producing at least 5,000 copies per month and in some cases as many as 15,000. The only material the base is responsible for is the required paper.

If new technology makes these copiers obsolete, Sharp will replace them with new upgraded machines at no additional cost for the remainder of the contract period.

All the new copiers may be used as stand-alone machines with the capability to sort, make two-sided copies, and enlarge or reduce both letter- and legal-size documents. Seven will be linked to the base local area network, enabling a ‘workgroup’ of individuals to send files directly



to the machines from their personal computers. This eliminates a step in the process when producing multiple copies and is cheaper than using computer printers.

As always, the current printing regulation, Marine Corps Order P5600.31, governs the use of the new copiers.

Specific items mentioned in the regulations mention the machines should not be used to print more than 15 copies of any single document.

“Large copy jobs, and color copy requirements, should continue to be processed through the chain of command to the local office of the Defense Automated Printing Service in Building 37,” said Donna Wilder, base printing management officer.

Security with the new copiers also needs to be watched. “People need to remember not to use a

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**Don't forget!!**  
Daylight Savings Time ends  
Oct. 31 at 2 a.m.  
Set your clock back one hour.

## Are you misusing the GOV?

Submitted by Bill Bowers

Transportation Management Division

The penalties for misusing a government-owned/leased vehicle are severe.

Stringent regulations outlined in DoD 4500.36R and BO 11240.24C preclude the misuse or personal use of a GOV. Any civilian employee who willfully uses or authorizes the use of any GOV, except for official government business, can and will be suspended from duty without compensation for up to 30 days. Military personnel may be disciplined under provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other appropriate procedures.

The following guidelines are provided because of recent instances of misuse.

– A GOV will not be used – unless authorized in writing – for transporting personnel to and from an individual's quarters, BOQ or barracks; the commissary or Marine Corps Exchange including the barber shop; or any club system, snackbar, cafeteria, bowling alley, post office, bank or credit union. Maintenance personnel must have a valid work ticket to perform

repairs at any of those locations.

– GOVs, whether authorized on a full-time or trip basis, are not authorized for private business or personal social engagements such as Christmas or birthday lunches. GOVs used in town may not be used for transportation to banks, credit unions, food service establishments or any other personal business. The base has established that personnel on official business outside a 30-mile radius of the base, may stop at food service establishments during normal break/lunch periods.

– Temporary additional duty personnel are governed by Joint Travel Regulations, Vols. I and II. Although they may not use a GOV for transportation to or from entertainment or recreational facilities, the following activities are allowed: transportation to and from temporary lodging; transportation between places of official government business, or temporary lodging and eating establishments, drugstores, barber shops, places of worship, cleaning establishments and similar places required for the comfort or health of the person.

If you have any questions regarding what constitutes official government business use of a GOV, contact the Transportation Management Division at 577-6294.



# Passing the sword ...

By **SgtMaj. William B. Walsh**  
Sergeant Major, Marine Corps Logistics Base

As I get ready to pass the sword on to Sergeant Major Hathaway I feel it's necessary to say thank you to the many people aboard the base and in the community of Barstow.

First of all, I would like to thank Col. [Mark A.] Costa, Lt. Col. [Donald W.] Zautcke and the command staff personnel for making me feel like a part of a very special family and for always providing sound advice and support when needed. Your friendships will always be remembered.

I also thank my family for their continued support of my career and for their support and involvement in the community. My wife, Bonnielee, has introduced me to many of her friends in the community and specifically at the Veterans Home of California – Barstow. Her involvement there has enriched my involvement and has made me more aware of the many wonderful residents in Barstow. My two youngest sons, William and Samuel, both graduates of Barstow High School and William, additionally a graduate of Barstow College, have both contributed to my successful tour in Barstow. I would also be remiss in not thanking my oldest son, Ronnie, and my daughter, Diana, for being an intricate part of my life and my professional success. Thanks for being there when I needed your support.

I would next like to thank the community of Barstow for the many tremendous opportunities they provide to the military members stationed in the Barstow area. To the Chamber of Com-

merce, the Military Affairs Committee, the Veterans Home of Barstow, the Barstow Unified School District, the numerous Businesses in Barstow, and all the fascinating people within these organizations I salute you and thank you for allowing me to be a part of your success. I truly am a part of Barstow.

To the Marines, Sailors and employees here I greatly appreciate the professionalism and “Esprit de Corps” all have shown during my tour. We have all experienced many exciting accomplishments and endured several tragedies together. Each time growing stronger from the experience, we have learned to adapt to the ever changing climate of our profession. I believe the base remains focused on the important issues we are currently facing; restructuring, A-76 studies, downsizing, re-organizing and the day-to-day functions required to keep this base running. It has been a privilege and an honor to have been a part of this process. My best wishes go out for the continued success of the base, the Marines, the Sailors, and all the many exceptionally talented civilians that have contributed to our success.

In closing, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Barstow. I have made some really great friendships that will last a lifetime and I have no regrets with my time spent here. I feel confident that Sergeant Major Hathaway will continue to get the outstanding support I have received while I was the Base Sergeant Major and I look forward to hearing of all your future successes.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your world.  
Semper Fidelis!

The ASMC luncheon date is Nov. 3 at 11 a.m., not Nov. 4 as originally posted. The BARSTOW LOG staff regrets the error.

# Prayer: reliable or a liability?

By **Lt. Cmdr. Michael W. Hamilton**  
Training and Education Division, MCCDC Quantico

Do you remember the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den? It's found in the Bible, in the book of Daniel, chapter six. Daniel was thrown into a deep pit with the lions overnight, but in the morning was untouched by them. This part is familiar to many of us.

But do you remember why Daniel was cast into the lion's den? Others were jealous of his position in the government. They passed an unjust law prohibiting prayer to anyone or anything except their king. They caught Daniel praying, as he always did, three times a day, in his house. He was arrested and sentenced to death by the lions.

We may first think, what a price to pay for prayer! It may seem easier to give up prayer than give up our lives. However, this famil-

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# I'm not giving you my keys

By **Cpl. Matthew R. Weir**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Why are people so stubborn to give up their keys?

I remember times when I had a few and drove home. Weaving between the lines; thanking God there were no cops patrolling that stretch of road where I hit the curb. It usually took a prybar to get my keys away.

One night my wife told me how much she and my daughter would miss me if I were gone and asked me not to drink and drive anymore.

Those words struck me hard, so I stopped drinking and driving. I started going out with my friends and letting them drive me home while they were drunk.

Sounds like the same game though, doesn't it?

All my drinking caught up with me when I had an alcohol-related incident two months ago, and I have been sober since.

Even though I'm sober I still enjoy going out

to shoot pool and break eardrums at the karaoke machines.

But, now that I'm sober, I can see how much people start weaving once they start drinking.

So back to my original question: “Why do people have a problem with giving up their keys once they have had a few?”

You are no less of a man for giving up your keys; you are being man enough to make it until tomorrow.

But I can't complain about people not giving up their keys too much. I remember not wanting to give mine up to anyone.

What I need is someone to teach me how to get the keys away from people without an argument.

Someone told me you could trick someone into giving you their keys. That's like yawning to get your arm around a girl at the movies, it doesn't work. Maybe my yawn isn't what it used to be.

I've tried letting my friends drive to the bars

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# Gunny's Picks

## Week 9



Of course the winner had 12 wins this week. We gave you Kansas City! What more can you ask for?

Patience is a virtue, Kathy, if you had waited until Friday you might have tied for the lead.

This week Steve Broughton from Warehouse 7 had a few choice words for some past winners:

“This is for the Johnson Family – Nancy and Greg: Your luck just ran out.

“There's a new kid in town, they call me ‘Steve Bo’; all the way from Dallas, Texas. So this week you don't have to play; because my Cowboys are going all the way.

“I'm Steve Bo, and I'm out.”

Buffalo\* at Baltimore  
Jacksonville\* at Cincinnati  
San Diego at Kansas City\*  
New York Giants\* at Philadelphia  
Chicago at Washington\*  
Carolina\* at Atlanta

Cleveland at New Orleans\*  
St. Louis\* at Tennessee  
Miami at Oakland\*  
New England at Arizona\*  
Dallas\* at Indianapolis  
Minnesota\* at Denver  
Tampa Bay at Detroit\*

**Monday night**  
Seattle at Green Bay\* (30)  
Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.



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Colonel Mark A. Costa, Commanding Officer

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# News Briefs



## CFC Keyworkers

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SSgt. P. S. Holm	577-6334
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Cpl. S. M. Fisher	577-6494
Bette Poe	577-6307
Bertie Dailey	577-6430
Chuck Moore	577-7039
Pasty Biles	577-6732

If your section does not have a Keyworker listed please call SSgt. Robert Cole at 577-6843.

## 3D Archery Tournament

The Marine Corps Ball Committee sponsors MCLB Barstow's first 3D archery tournament Saturday behind the Tees and Trees Golf Course from 8 a.m.-noon. The entry fee is \$10. The top three finishers win awards. For more info, call Chaplain Mike Michener at 577-6849 or SSgt. Michael Culver at 577-6373.

## Navy Cupid's Quest Golf Tournament ...

And prime rib dinner will be held

Saturday Nov. 6, at the Tees and Trees Golf Course.

The tournament is limited to the first 15 teams, make your dinner reservations by Monday.

Rank	Cost
E-1 to E-5	\$20
E-6 to E-9	\$24
Officers and civilians	\$27

\$1 per mulligan with a maximum of five. Come out and have fun.

## ASMC luncheon

The MCLB Barstow American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon is Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

Naydean Williams, Project FOCUS director, is the featured speaker. FOCUS is a state-funded program designed to help youth and unskilled workers gain training and self-esteem to become more productive members of the work force.

Williams will share the psychological and management tactics she uses to motivate the clients she works with and speak on the success of FOCUS. The luncheon payment of \$5 is due no later than tomorrow.

For more info contact:

Billie Reed	577-7875
Randy Meyer	577-6366
Sophia Cisneros	577-6140
2ndLt. John Norris	577-6726
Conni Lewellyn	577-6596
Lou Ann Presley	577-6636

## Halloween Events

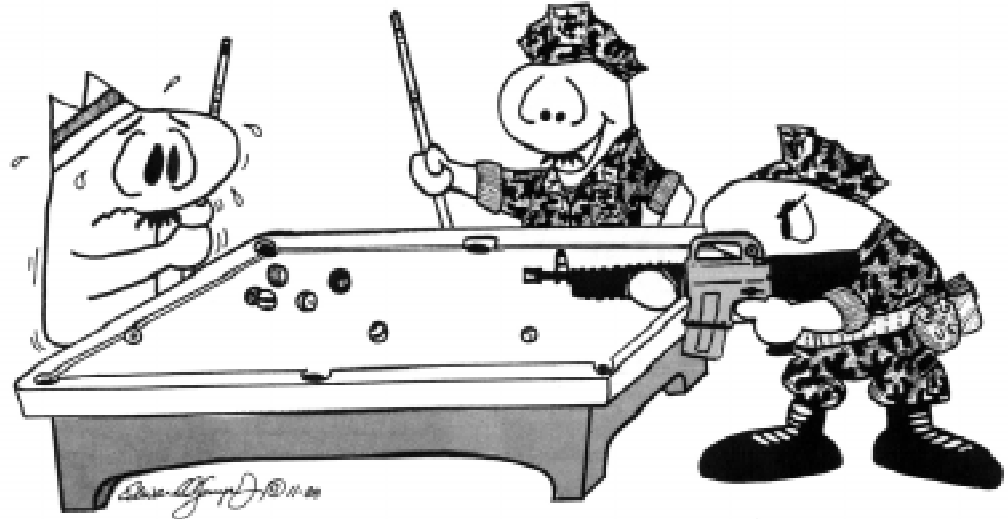
On-base trick-or-treating goes from 5 to 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The 67th Annual Kiwanis Mardi Gras Parade starts down Main Street Barstow at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Base representatives include the base

101 things you should *never* ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to shoot pool.

commander, base sergeant major, and the Marines of the Year and Quarter all riding in vehicles provided by the Fleet Support Center. The Mounted Color Guard is in the parade as well as the base Fire Department and McGruff, the Crime Dog.

Traditionally trick-or-treating aboard the base and in town is the night before the Mardi Gras Parade held on Halloween. Because Halloween falls on Sunday this year, all events have been moved up one day.

See you at the parade.

## Leave share

Michelle Evans, Packing Division, and Amalie Johnson, Warehousing Division, both of Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, have been affected by medical emergencies.

Anyone desiring to donate leave may submit a leave donor application through their division administrative officer.

For more info call Debbie Ulibarri at 577-6434.

## 'Wilkommen!'

That's German for "Welcome." Consider it an invitation to join the festivities at Oktoberfest tomorrow night at the Oasis Club.

The food and fun start at 6 p.m. Don't be late or you'll miss out.

The advertised deadline for ticket purchase was Oct. 22, but tickets will be available at the door.

The prices are \$7 for Oasis Club members and \$9 for non-members.

Music, fun, games and German food: Who could ask for more?

Contact the following Marines for your ticket today:

MSgt. R.N. Wilkinson	577-6858
GySgt. J.E. Daquila	577-6062
GySgt. C.D. Putnam	577-6876

## Did you know?

Field representatives from the Navy-

Marine Corps Relief Society travel across the globe to teach Sailors, Marines, and their families about ways the Society can help them?

These expert trainers provide instruction in understanding military pay and allowances, benefits, resources and budgeting techniques, as well as providing answers to your questions about the Society's policy of helping people deal with emergency situations.

Learn when this informative seminar will be available locally by contacting your nearest Navy-Marine Corps Relief office. The classes are free, and you can get reimbursed for child care and commuting expenses.

Plan to attend.

Contact the nearest Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office today at 256-1378 or 577-6627, or stop by our office in Building 117 across from the Child Development Center.

Walk-ins welcome.

## FMOY nominations

Do you work for the greatest boss in the world? Want to show your appreciation for them going that extra step?

The Federal Manager of the Year nominations are open again.

Recognize your leaders for their exceptional leadership traits.

Civilians are being nominated in one of two categories; GS-7 through GS-10/WS-8 through WS-13, and GS-11-GS-14/WS-14-WS-19 (excluding Directors and Deputy Directors).

Military nominations are for any officer or staff or non-commissioned officer-in-charge that has been on station for at least one year.

For more info or to submit nominations call the following Federal Managers Association members:

Kathy Petermann	577-6701
Lynda Kay	577-6168
Margaret Carter	577-6610

All nominations must be in by Nov. 24.

## FMA food drive

The Federal Manager's Association is sponsoring a food drive now through Nov. 10.

Food items will be donated to Desert Manna for their efforts in providing a Thanksgiving feast to those less fortunate. Food drive boxes are in several locations around the base or arrangements for pick up can be made by contacting Lorella Garcia at 577-6352.

Make a difference - Give to those who need our support.

## Closures

The Headquarters Battalion Identification Card section will be closed Nov. 11, 12, 25 and 26 for the holidays.

For more info call 577-6969.

The rear gates of the Yermo and Nebo annexes and vehicle registration will be closed from Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. until Nov. 15.

## Fitness Report change

A recent change to the Marine Corps Order on the Performance Evaluation System requires reporting seniors make "word picture" comments in Section I of all observed fitness reports.

According to MARADMIN 479/99, the intent is to provide a more complete and detailed evaluation of the professional character of the Marine reported on and may address any entries made in sections A through H or as the reporting senior deems appropriate.

Additionally, comments are made prior to other directed and additional comments previously required in Section I and must follow the guidance of the Performance Evaluation System.

# 224th Birthday Ball

The 1999 Marine Corps Birthday Ball is just around the corner. Plan ahead for an enjoyable, worry-free night of comradery, tradition and reflection. Ball includes:

6 p.m.	Cocktail hour
7 p.m.	Pageant
8 p.m.	Dinner - Prime rib or chicken
9 p.m.	Dancing

For room reservations at the Primadonna Casino call 1-800-386-7867. The cost of the stay is \$15 per night, per room.

Group code: SMC 1110

Tickets are on sale now. Prices are:

O-3 and up, civilians, retirees	\$40
E-8 through O-2	\$30
E-6 and E-7	\$25
E-4 and E-5	\$15
E-1 through E-3	\$10

Get your tickets from:

SgtMaj. W. B. Walsh	577-6238
1stSgt. C.J. Allen	577-6700
GySgt. J. E. Daquila	577-6062
GySgt. P. F. Errigo	577-6192
SSgt. G.S. Duplechain	577-6708
SSgt. C.D. Galbraith	577-7051
SSgt. J. W. Hill	577-6756
Cpl. F. Rodgers	577-7147

MCLB Barstow Child Development recommends the following babysitters for the night.

Angelica Baca	256-7204
Joelle Baca	256-7204
Shannon Cabello	256-2572
Kristeene Celso	252-8259
Anastasia Guarado	252-1906
Theresa Mallay	252-1228
Annie Michener	252-1411
Lisa Sieloff	256-4049

Mandy Culver, daughter of SSgt. Michael Culver, is also offering babysitting at a private room at Buffalo Bill's in Primm. Call her at 252-4459 for more info.





**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

#### Shop the Base Exchange

November is the month for many clearance sales and specials at the Base Exchange. Check out these great buys: Bravo II upright vacuum cleaner with tools at \$54.99; Sega Dreamcast Command Center for \$199.99; 32" JVC color TV for \$499.99 and Fubu summer wear, a great selection at 15 percent off.

With the holidays almost here, your MCX is stocked for early holiday shoppers. Come in and browse our super gift ideas and Christmas card selection.

The Base Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

The Yermo Exchange is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Note: When troops rotating through Yermo, the Yermo Ex-

change is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 577-7092 for details.

#### Lunch menu for this week

This week's lunch menu at the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe offers a delicious variety:

**Today** – Hamburger pie, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll/butter.

**Friday, Oct. 29** – Hoki fish or trout, rice, vegetables, roll/butter.

**Monday, Nov. 1** – Hamburger pie, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll/butter.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2** – Roast beef and noodles, vegetables, garlic bread.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3** – Pork roast, seasoned sliced potatoes, vegetables, roll/butter.

**Thursday, Nov. 4** – Chicken Parmesan, rice, vegetables, roll/butter.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at

the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Don't forget the Family Restaurant also offers an a la carte and a Sub Sandwich menu for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers a limited a la carte and Sub Sandwich menu for lunch.

For more info on the a la carte and Sub Sandwich menu at either the Family Restaurant or the Cactus Cafe call 577-6428.

#### Family Night Dinner Menu

**Tonight** – Mongolian Beef Cookout. (Price per plate of meat). Beverage (coffee, tea or soft drink).

**Thursday, Nov. 4** – Italian Night. Spaghetti, lasagna and beverage (coffee, tea or soft drink).

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Prices: (All you can eat) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and younger are free. Price is the same for military and civilian personnel.

#### ITT trips and tickets

ITT has tickets to Halloween Horror Nights III at Universal Studios for Oct. 29, 30 and 31 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets cost \$29 each for adults and children.

ITT has also received regular Universal Studios tickets (good through January 2000) at \$27 per day, adult or child.

Knott's Berry Farm will have their annual Military/Veterans Special in November for the week of Nov. 7 - 13. ITT is still waiting for info from Knott's Berry Farm regarding this annual event.

Call 577-6541 for more info on these tickets or any other tickets or trips.

ITT is located in the Bowling Center and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

#### Football is back at the NCO/Enlisted Club

Every Sunday starting at 10 a.m. watch your favorite teams via satellite. Bring your friends, kick back, relax and enjoy the games. Short-order grill service is available.

Call the NCO/Enlisted Club at 577-6532 for more info.

#### Giant New Year's Eve party

Come join MCCS at the giant Millennium Bash, New Year's Eve.

An all day event starting at 9 a.m. with games, contests, prizes and awards - bowling, golf putting, basketball, racquetball, horseshoes and more.

Later, a delicious dinner, a

comedy show, and New Year's Eve party. Even a Blue Light service after the festivities.

And the best thing of all is it's free. Zero, nada, zip! Just show up and enjoy.

Everyone is invited, all ranks, base civilian employees, singles, couples, families.

Why drive off base, do the traffic tango, pay the big bucks, when you can stay right here and bring in the new year with family and friends – and it's free.

For more details call 577-6543.

#### Win \$100 in the Millennium Bash Logo Contest

Design a logo for the Millennium Bash and win a \$100 Savings Bond. Closing date is Friday, Nov. 26.

The point of contact is CWO W. E. Bradshaw at Semper Fit/Base Gym. Call 577-6543 for more info. The Logo Design Contest is open to all military, their family members and base civilian employees.

#### Basketball players needed

Teams are forming now for the base basketball season.

Teams are open to all Marines, Sailors, civilians and family members.

For more info call 577-6898.

# Two wheels vs four wheels

Compiled by  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Fiscal year 1999 was the third best year ever for motor vehicle safety according to the Commander of the Naval Safety Center.

“However, 121 Sailors and Marines killed on our highways does not constitute a good year,” said Rear Adm. Skip Dirren. “The number is simply appalling and we need to do something about it.

“Of this unacceptable number, 21 died in motorcycle crashes, and we are off to a dismal start in fiscal year 2000. This month an ensign bought a motorcycle on a Wednesday and died on it Friday,” he said.

The highway transportation system consists of three main elements: Vehicle, highway and human. The highway will always be a hunk of pavement, and vehicles are going through more and more safety standards each year but there is one constant through it all — human error. Attitude and rider responsibilities reflect the perception of risk related to riding a motorcycle.

Riding a motorcycle is a high-risk activity. A motorcyclist is 16 to 20 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured in a collision than a car driver.

Competent motorcycle riders have perceptions about risk which are based in reality.

After you realize that motorcycle riding is a risk, it is up to you to take measures to reduce that risk. While cars and trucks have special features such as air bags, safety belts and side impact beams, motorcyclists must make changes to themselves.

Visibility is your first line of safety. Wear at least one piece of bright clothing or protective gear, more is better, but increasing your visibility means reducing the risk of not being seen by other drivers.

Keep a safe distance and safe speed when driving with traffic. The two-second rule, a time-to-distance standard used by a driver to estimate separation between vehicles, is a good way to determine your distance from other vehicles, according to a Parlay International representative. Parlay also warns to avoid passing on the right where many vehicles have a blind spot.

“The right decisions and protective gear may be the only factors between life and death,” said Dirren.

## Motorcycle operator checklist

- ✓ Have you completed the required motorcycle safety course?
- ✓ Do you have the proper endorsement on your license to operate a motorcycle?
- ✓ Are your motorcycle registration, state inspection, insurance and base sticker current?
- ✓ Do you have and use all required personal protective equipment?
  - DOT-approved helmet
  - Long trousers
  - Long-sleeved shirt or jacket
  - Full-finger leather gloves
  - Hard-soled shoes with heels that protect the ankle
  - Protective eyewear
  - Reflective vest



# THE HUMAN SIDE

Civilian Human Resources Office, Southwest – Barstow Satellite Office

Meeting the Challenge of Change

## Forget the ladder, find success with STAIRS

Submitted by MCCHRO-SW (BSO)

The Department of the Navy recently started using a new automated system for handling job applications.

The Human Resources Service Center, Southwest in San Diego began using the Navy's Standard Automated Inventory and Referral System (STAIRS) Oct. 18 to enhance their methods of classifying, filing and searching resumes.

"Resumix, the commercial software for the STAIRS system, uses a very sophisticated artificial intelligence that extracts the skills reflected in an applicant's résumé and matches them to the duties required in specific positions," said Donna Coppi, employee relations specialist, Marine Corps Community Human Resources Office Southwest, Barstow Satellite Office.

Contrary to other systems, Resumix does not focus on "buzz-words." It actually reads what an

applicant writes in the context in which the experience was gained, according to Coppi.

Applicants must submit a typed five-page résumé. Résumés are kept on file for one year from the date received, and only one résumé will be kept on file. However, it can be updated any time, according to Coppi.

She added that electronic résumé submission is encouraged, but hard copies are still acceptable. However, faxes are not accepted.

"Don't wait to submit a résumé until hearing about a job opening because it may be too late, and vacancies are not individually announced," warned Coppi. "The HRSC-SW accepts résumés at any time so only the ones on hand on the cut-off date are considered."

In addition to a résumé, applicants must submit responses to questions on an additional data

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## Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-308-99	Pipefitter WG-4204-08/10	07-27-99	12-31-99	08-10-99	China Lake
DEA-309-99	Electrician WG-2805-08/10	07-26-99	12-30-99	08-09-99	China Lake
DEA-314-99	Boiler Plant Operator WG-5402-08/10	07-26-99	12-31-99	08-09-99	China Lake
DEA-389-99	Pipefitter WG-4204-10 (Term NTE 2 yrs.)	08-27-99	11-30-99	09-10-99	San Diego
DEA-445-99	Administrative Support Clerk (OA) GS-303-05 (TERM NTE 18 mos)	10-20-99	11-17-99	11-03-99	MCLB Barstow
DEA-446-99	Medical Clerk (Typing) GS-679-04	10-21-99	11-01-99	N/A	MCLB Barstow
DEA-454-99	Library Technician (OA) GS-1411-05 (TERM NTE 366 days)	10-21-99	11-18-99	N/A	MCLB Barstow
OTR-128-99	Secretary (Office Automation) GS-318-05 (TEMP NTE 1 year)	10-14-99	11-12-99	10-28-99	MCLB Barstow

For more information concerning public job announcements, contact the Human Resources Office 24-hour employment information line at 577-6919 or browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements on the internet point your browser to <http://www.dasnhroc.navy.mil>.

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND COUNCIL 240, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (AFGE)

Subj: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK NUMBER FOR EVERYONE EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION PROGRAM

The parties hereby agree that the Marine Corps may implement the automated Work Number employment Verification Program throughout the Consolidated Bargaining Unit under the terms and conditions and on the schedule determined by the Department of Defense and the vendor.

Employment and salary information will be released only when pre-authorized by the employee. Employees may block the release of employment and salary information through the Work Number program by submitting a written request to the appropriate Human Resources Service Center Records management Branch.

Requests for release of employment/salary and other personal information for purposes other than obtaining loans, credit cards, or employment, will continue to be processed in accordance with Article 6, Section 11, of the Master Labor Agreement. This includes requests made under court order.

For the American Federation  
Of Government Employees

DALE SCHAFER  
President, Council 240

For the United States  
Marine Corps

DEAN LEGACY  
Labor Relations Specialist

Date: 01 September 1999

## Everyone's work number

Submitted by MCCHRO-SW (BSO)

Department of the Navy employees can have their employment and salary verified within a matter of minutes through the Work Number for Everyone automated employment verification service coming available Nov. 15.

This fast, secure service can be used for mortgage, loan or credit applications or anything that requires proof of employment.

Requesters can choose from one of three information categories.

– Basic Verification: Name, status of employment, most recent start or termination date, total time with the Navy, job title and a reference number.

– Basic Plus Verification: Basic Verification and total rates of pay and pay frequency

– Full Verification: Basic Plus and gross earnings year to date, gross earnings for the prior two years

Employees must pre-authorize each release by obtaining a code from the verifier, with a maximum of three active codes at one time.

Codes remain active for six months unless the employee blocks the release by sending a written request to the Human Resources Office managing their record.

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### Health season

The 1999 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season is Nov. 8 through 13.

A Health Fair is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in Building 44. For additional info, call the Human Resources Office at 577-6479.

Human Resources Office Manager: Esther Gonzales, 577-6479  
Management Support Assistant: Meredith Taylor, 577-6478  
Staffing/Classification: Lucy Wais, 577-6487  
Employment Assistance and Awards Information: Kathleen Dunham, 577-6357  
Labor and Employee Relations: Shaunna Arguelles, 577-6914  
Karen Ross, 577-6913

Worker's Compensation: Donna Coppi, 577-6279  
Josie Marquez, 577-6481  
EEO: Sharon Lange, 577-6599  
Yolanda Ojeda, 577-6022  
Training Information: Marva Johnson, 577-6965





Official DoD photo

Two Marines take camp life with ease and are shown here before their little shelter on a hillside in Guam many miles from their Arizona homes. They are both attached to a communications unit and are veterans of many brushes with the Japanese. Left to right: Private First Class George H. Kirk, Ganado, Ariz., and Private First Class John V. Goodluck, of Lukachukai, Ariz. Both enlisted in Santa Fe, N.M., on March 27, 1943.

## National Native-American Heritage month celebrates pride, history of first Americans

Submitted by Marine Corps News

Marine Administrative Message 472/99 announces November's designation as National Native American Month.

Since the inception of our nation, Native Americans have answered America's call to duty and, as the 20th century comes to a close, they continue to serve proudly.

Historically, Native Americans have one of the highest per capita records of service.

One Navajo World War II veteran said,

"Many people ask why we fought in the war. Our answer is that we are proud to be Americans. We're proud to be American Indians, and we always stand ready when our country needs us."

Today, there are more than 190,000 Native American veterans. During America's last major conflict, the Gulf War, more than 3,000 Native Americans served in the Persian Gulf theater of operations, including two Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country – PFC. Michael A. Noline and Cpl. Stephen E. Bentzlin.

## Save early, save often, don't forget to back up

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

BARSTOW LOG staff

When is the best time to back up your computer for Y2K?

"Right now," said LCpl. Gary Lenon, network control specialist.

The point of backing up a computer is not just for Y2K, according to Lenon. The purpose of backing up your work on disk is so you don't lose files in case of power outages or computer malfunctions, he said.

A computer system should be backed-up depending on how much you use it, according to Lenon, but everyone should have a schedule set up for when to do back-ups.

Every two weeks is a good time to back-up files, he said.

"There are a lot of files on your computer you don't realize you use," said Lenon. "If you wait until Dec. 30 to save all your files, you are going to miss some. Then, if there is a Y2K problem, you won't be able to get those files back."

Using a Zip disk is the easiest way to back up

a user workstation. But there is no need to back up programs like Word or Excel on disk.

"That is why you have program CDs, if your computer crashes you can reload the program from the CD," he said.

If you have trouble backing up your workstation, call the help desk, said Lenon.

Someone can either show you how to back up your files or someone can be sent to do it for you. Do not make a habit of calling the help desk for computer backups because the Information System Division

***"Keeping all your files in one directory helps the backup process."***

does not have the manpower to support all the backups on base.

Keeping track of how and where you save files also helps the backup process.

All your files should be kept in one directory, according to Lenon. "You can create folders to keep yourself organized inside the directory, but if you only maintain one directory, that is all you have to save."

So what is the best way to protect yourself from losing work on your computer? Save early. Save often.

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One benefit of this service is seven-day-a-week, 24-hour-a-day availability. The employee can call any time to request an authorization code.

A drawback is the use of a "900" number the verifier must call to receive the information. Many companies block "900" numbers from their phone systems.

**For more information, call customer service at 1-800-9-WORKNO or check them out on the web at <http://www.theworknumber.com>.**

## Defense safety statistics prove FY99 one of safest years on record

Submitted by American Forces Press Service

Fiscal 1999, which closed out Sept. 30, 1999, was one of the safest years on record for the Department of Defense according to newly compiled statistics.

The DOD-wide military Class A aviation accident rate was 1.58 mishaps per 100,000 flight hours for fiscal 1999 as compared to 1.64 class A mishap rate in fiscal 1998, a four percent reduction. Of significant note, the past five-year class A accident rate is 25 percent lower than the previous five-year rate.

The military lost 43 members to aviation accidents in fiscal 1999, down 34 from aviation-related deaths in fiscal 1998.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen said, "Even one accident is too many, and I continue to advocate continuous improvement until we reach a goal of zero accidents, occupational illnesses, and fires.

"This is an ambitious goal, but to endorse any other goal legitimizes the acceptance of harm. The goal is achievable."

Defense safety officials report that we continued to keep accidental deaths lower for both on- and off-duty mishaps. For fiscal

### Safety on the Web

Accident trend charts are available on DoD's force protection home page at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ens/sh/>.

Service safety statistics may be viewed at the following websites:

Army Safety Center – <http://safety.army.mil/>

Air Force Safety Center – <http://www.afsc.saia.af.mil/>

Naval Safety Center – <http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil/>

Marine Corps Safety Division – <http://www.hqmc.usmc.mil/safety.nsf>

1999, we had 108 on-duty deaths and 319 off-duty deaths. These deaths reflect a steady reduction over the past seven years. The accidental death rate remained about 30 per 100,000 members

assigned.

Privately owned motor vehicle accidents were again the leading cause of death for military members in fiscal 1999, accounting for 280 deaths. This figure is up from 249 deaths in fiscal 1998.

In terms of the value of property losses, military safety officials recorded \$3.3 billion in property losses in fiscal 1999. The largest portion of this loss, more than \$1.88 billion, was as a result of damage to three satellites.

An additional part of the property loss is attributed to 55 destroyed aircraft in aviation accidents that accounted for \$1.23 billion in losses in fiscal 1999. That figure is down from fiscal 1998's numbers of 60 destroyed aircraft and \$1.49 billion in aviation-related property losses.

In acknowledging DoD's safety record, Cohen challenged the military Services to go even further. "Safety is not something we simply add to the task at hand, it must be an integral part of everything we do - both on- and off-duty."

Other measures of safety, while remaining at historically low levels for the past five years, increased or decreased slightly, but these changes were not statistically significant.

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1st Battalion, 6th Marines as a platoon sergeant and weapons platoon sergeant.

In January, 1980, Hathaway returned to MCRD San Diego as a drill instructor spending the next three years in 3rd Battalion where he received meritorious promotions to staff and gunnery sergeant.

He transferred to the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Academy in 1983 where he served as an instructor/adviser. In 1986, he returned to Okinawa as the Operations Chief of III Marine Expeditionary Force.

In 1987, Hathaway returned to MSG duty as a detachment commander in Bangkok, Thailand. He was subsequently transferred to Rota, Spain, where he was the company first sergeant

for Marine Security Company for three years.

Hathaway then moved to Camp Pendleton where he was assigned to Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Fleet Service Support Group.

In 1994, he moved to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, assuming the post as Sergeant Major for Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, transferring to Iwakuni with that unit in 1996.

He then served on Okinawa, Japan, with Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 18 and Marine Wing Support Group 17.

Hathaway's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars and the Navy Achievement Medal.

SgtMaj. Hathaway is married to the former Sandra Scheppele of Lynwood, Calif. They have three children; Adam, Kelsey and Luke.

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networked copier to produce or reproduce confidential, secret or top secret files, because it stores them. Only sensitive unclassified files should be sent over LAN lines," said Sharon Loschen, base information security officer.

Rich Mills, Network Systems Branch head, Information Systems Office, offers the following advice: "Don't try to send files from a personal computer at Nebo to a copier at Yermo, and vice versa; that would be misuse of the Local Area Network system."

The local Sharp dealer, Advanced Copy Systems, will have technicians aboard base to install machines, set up workgroups, and train operators for about one week or until all machines are up and running. Base Information Systems Of-

fice technicians will be on hand to assist them.

The renting of these machines was recommended to the base as a cost-saving measure by the commanding officer's Cost Reduction Advisory Board.

Past research by Process Analysis Teams, various committees and contracting personnel revealed presently used copiers were already many years beyond their expected life span.

These new copiers are one small step in simplifying the processes involved in the administration of base business.

If you know of a process in your work area with the potential for saving the base operating dollars, contact the CRAB through the chairperson, at 577-6508, or send e-mail to [barstowcrab@bam.usmc.mil](mailto:barstowcrab@bam.usmc.mil).

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iar story has taken on another meaning for me. Prayer was not a liability for Daniel. His disciplined practice of turning humbly to God three times a day provided him the strength to face the lions without fear. While others condemned Daniel for his faith, it was actually Daniel's enlightened faith that served him.

The discipline of daily prayer prepares us for life's challenges by keeping us aware of our divine source, God. When trials come, we need not give up prayer for despair. Instead, persistence brings spiritual growth.

Here's an example: A young officer was to be forced out of the

military, not continued after his initial obligation expired. He was surprised and disappointed. Others around him in the same situation were angry and bitter. However, this officer decided to seek God's guidance instead of giving in to frustration. Over many months he deepened his prayer, until he was really willing to stay and help without resentment. He was offered continuation on active duty. He accepted it with gratitude to God.

What had started out seeming like a "lion's den" experience had turned into deliverance.

His reliance on God had not been a liability or weakness, but had sustained him with divine strength and brought resolution to the career dilemma.

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with the intention of giving me their keys once they start drinking.

But after a few rounds of liquid courage, delusions of grandeur start kicking around in their heads, and they begin thinking they are invincible.

I would like someone to tell me a sure-fire way to stop a person from drinking and driving.

All thoughts are welcome.

You know where to find me.

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sheet that does not count as one of the five pages of the résumé. It is particularly important to indicate geographic availability, according to Coppi.

Once a résumé is received it is scanned into the system using a scanner. An electronically submitted résumé may be entered directly into the system.

Resumix then identifies the skills, training and education described in the résumé and then stores this information in the system for future matching to specific vacancies.

When a vacancy opens, a job description is entered into the system and from that information, Resumix extracts the skills required to perform the work. The job description information

may come from the position or job description or from information about the position provided by the manager.

Using the position skills, Resumix searches the system for those applicants whose skills match what is needed for the position and produces a list of possible candidates.

Applicants must specify at least one series they are interested in. Under STAIRS, job information is published

which identifies the series serviced by HRSC-SW.

Applying by series rather than announcement number allows a manager the option of conducting different types of STAIRS searches. One search may look for only those who applied for a particular series. Another may find applicants who

expressed interest in jobs in the same job family. Also, the whole system may be searched for any-

one with matching skills.

Job openings are publicized in Civilian Career flyers. Applicants can visit the HRSC-SW web page at <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or the OPM web page at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. Here positions are listed by series for easy search capability.

Applicants may also get copies of the Civilian Career flyers through automated fax-back by calling 1-800-831-0622 and selecting option 7.

Visit the web sites above or come to the Self Service Center at MCCHRO-SW (BSO) in Building 37 for job flyers or an applicant kit. The kit provides specific information about applying under this new process.

For additional information call the Personnel Operations Branch at 577-6357/6487.

***“Don’t wait to submit a résumé until hearing about a job opening because it may be too late.”***



# SALUTES

## 1998 Commander-in-Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence Special Recognition Certificates

### Offices:

Resources Management Department  
Base Support Department  
Traffic Management Office

### Employees:

Angelina Pedregon, TMO  
Anastasia Birchfield, TMO  
Diane Hamblet, TMO  
Judith McDonald, BTMO  
Holly Greer, TMO  
Thomas Hopkins, TMO  
Joanna Spencer, C&P  
Jennifer Kinsey, C&P  
Kareen Golden, C&P

## Installation and Logistics Division

### Federal Length of Service Awards

#### 35 years

Robert W. Manning

#### 25 years

Lawrence H. Ott  
Catherine A. Hackney  
Keven K. Moore  
Wendell C. Waters  
David L. Davis  
Duane K. Sandbo  
Doris A. Logg  
Edward S. Virgil

#### 15 years

Carlos E. Butler

#### 30 years

Ronald D. Sleeth

#### 20 years

Mary Lou Barlow  
Therese G. Shenouda  
Wendell O. Walsten II  
Manuel C. Flores

#### 10 years

Patricia A. Dillow  
Paula A. Louis

### Letter of Appreciation

Arthur Machado

More Salutes will run in future editions of the BARSTOW LOG.

## Base seeking RAB members, input

The Department of the Navy has an environmental investigation and cleanup program underway at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

Part of that program involves establishing an Installation Restoration Program – a comprehensive environmental program initiated by the DON to investigate and cleanup contamination from past hazardous waste practices at its facilities. The base is eliciting interest in forming a Restoration Advisory Board to provide public input to and comment on proposed cleanup activities.

A RAB is an advisory body, which acts as a focal point for exchanging information about environmental restoration activities between a military installation and the local community. It brings together people who reflect the diverse interests within the local community.

This enables early and continued two-way flow information, concerns, values and needs between the affected community and the installation.

RAB members meet regularly and review and comment on technical documents and plans related to ongoing environmental studies at an installation. Members serve as liaison with the community and meet with community members and groups. RAB members are expected to serve as volunteers and provide advice to decision-makers about restoration plans for the installation. Terms of membership are decided by the RAB. All RAB meetings are open to the public. A technical background is helpful but not required for RAB membership. The base currently has a Technical Review Committee comprised of regulatory, DON

and private party representatives that performs technical reviews.

Community members interested in finding out more about the RAB are invited and encouraged to fill out the mail-in coupon below and return it. The results help the base commander gauge the interest level in forming a Restoration Advisory Board. The coupon must be returned by Oct. 30.

Additionally, the base is holding a public meeting to discuss the Installation Restoration Program and RAB requirements on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Warehouse 3 conference room. Please contact base representative Liz Sena at 577-6839 for directions and more information.

For more information regarding the Installation Restoration Program, contact Michael Cox, base installation restoration manager, at 577-6856.

☐ Yes, I am interested in participating in a Restoration Advisory Board for MCLB Barstow.

☐ Yes, I would like to receive additional information on the environmental cleanup at MCLB Barstow.

☐ Yes, I plan to attend the Nov. 16 meeting at MCLB Barstow.

Send To:

Commanding Officer  
Marine Corps Logistics Base  
Installation and Logistics Department  
P.O. Box 110500  
Barstow, CA 92311

Attn: Liz Sena

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# SPORTS & LEISURE



(Above) Cpl. Raul Valdez, left, and LCpl. Josh Brule synchronize their rods and reels, bringing their fish into the boat at the same time.

*Photos by Cpl. Mike McQuillan*

(Below) Cpl. Jeremy Webb lets a mackerel think about his fate for a few seconds before reeling it in.

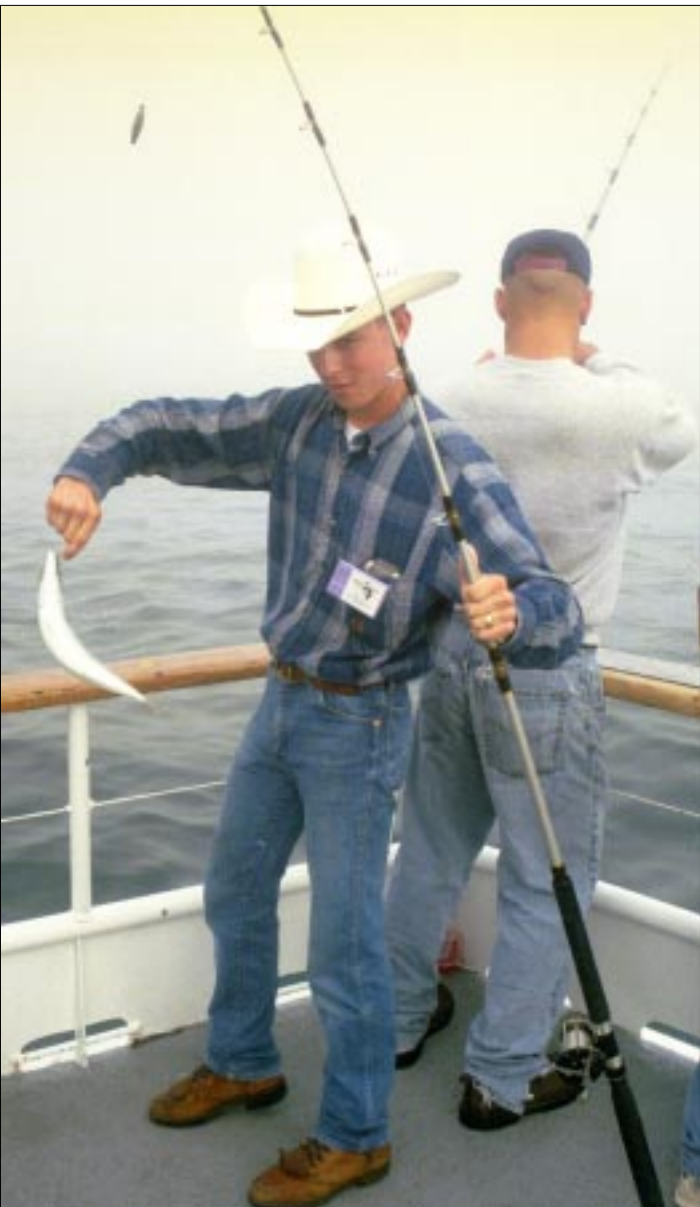


## Devildogs show Dana Point anglers how to fish the Marine way

Marines unleashed their maritime warrior spirits on the mackerel and sea bass of the Southern California Coast during the Single Marine Program-sponsored fishing trip to Dana Point Saturday.

While nobody was offered a cable TV show for their efforts, the day's catches amounted to far more than a box of frozen fish sticks.

(Above left) Cpl. Jeff Osborne teaches a mackerel how to say "ahh."  
(Above) Take cover! A flock of seagulls vie for the last of the bait.  
(Left) Cpl. Joe Ramon, right, demonstrates the improper way to tenderize a fish caught by LCpl. David Moyer.  
(Below) LCpl. Herbie Flatt shows off his catch, brought in despite the absence of a lasso.





**1993 GEO METRO:** A/C, auto, AM/FM cass, 4 door. \$2,000. OBO. Call 256-3130 after 6 p.m.

**1990 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN:** Original owner, asking \$3,000. Call 254-2094.

**1989 CAMARO:** White with red interior, new tires and battery, freeway miles, xlt cond, \$5,500. OBO. Call 253-2203.

**1991 MUSTANG:** Needs work, asking \$1,000. OBO. Call 254-2368 ask for Glenn.

**1985 TRI-Z-250 YAMAHA:** Xlt cond, sand tires and aluminum rims, new pipe, tuned. \$1,500. OBO will fly. Call 253-2203.

**1985 HONDA 350DX:** Two each, three wheeler, with rack, twist throttle, good condition. Call 253-3481.

**1985 HONDA 185-S:** Three wheeler, super seat, xlt cond, \$600. OBO. Call 253-2203.

**1995 ACURA INTEGRA:** 4-door, sunroof, A/C, AM/FM radio, nice and clean. 63K miles. Asking \$13,000. OBO. Call 252-7627.

**FOR SALE:** Dryer, Whirlpool, electric, large capacity, xlt cond, \$200. Call 255-4115 after 2 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Washing machine, Whirlpool, large capacity \$100; Dryer, electric \$100; Refrigerator, good cond. Call 256-2048.

**FOR SALE:** 87 feet, 1-¼ in. black pipe \$50. Call 256-6186.

**FOR SALE:** Baby Grand Piano, finished wood, plays well, moving, asking \$1,199. OBO. Will take payments. Call 255-3045.

**FOR SALE:** 25" RCA TV console, \$50; computer table, \$30; microwave, \$50; couch, \$150; mirror, wood frame, \$20; two lounge chairs, \$50 each; two coffee tables, \$10 each; night stand, \$15. Call 252-7789.

**FOR SALE:** Beanie Babies. Call 252-1554 after 6:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** VCR, RCA, good cond. \$40. Call 242-8839.

**FOR SALE:** 48" solid oak roll top desk. \$300. Call 253-3081 lv msg.

**FOR SALE:** Beautiful china hutch, silverware drawer, wood and glass shelves, xlt cond. Must see to appreciate. \$400. Call 252-8442.

**FOR SALE:** Grey dash cover and floor mats for '97 Ford F150 truck. \$25. Call 256-7412 after 6:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Dress blues blouses, 44R, with anodized buttons, \$32; dress blues trousers, 35R, \$8. Call 252-4530.

**WANTED:** Car Pool/Drivers for Car Pool from Victorville area to Nebo, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call 951-2060 after 5:00 p.m.

**PETS:** Free to good homes, puppy, Golden Retriever mix, male, sweet but good watchdog, good with kids; One-year-old black Lab mix, female, same disposition. Call 256-1047.

**PET CARRIER:** Kennel, 21" long, 16" wide, 16" high, good cond. \$20. Call 242-8839.

# Local Marine makes history with all-women's soccer team

By Cpl. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

Just in case she didn't have enough stories from her first visit there, Angelina Marrero returned to MCRD Parris Island, S.C. on Sept. 12 to make history.

Bypassing the front gate and the yellow footprints this time, Marrero began her quest for a spot on the first-ever all-Marine women's soccer team.

"I wanted to give it a shot," said Marrero. "I was going to try out for basketball but I was [TAD] for the whole month of April. I like soccer so that's why I tried it. To see if I could make it."

The 21-year-old fullback from Duluth, Minn., never played soccer in high school. She played for her junior high school team six years ago and, more recently, on the base team.

"My lieutenant got the message encouraging us to go out for the team," said Marrero. "Since I was on the base team, she suggested I try out. At the last minute I decided I was going to do it."

Marrero arrived at Parris Island at 2:30 a.m. with just enough time for a nap before the team meeting at 8 a.m. where she and 24 other all-Marine hopefuls set their cleats in the mud for two weeks of tryouts.

"From there we put on our practice jerseys and went out on the field," said Marrero.

The average workday was ten hours long. Just as the players settled into a routine, Hurricane Floyd wanted the island to himself. The team

was evacuated to Akin, S.C., two days later.

"It took us eight or nine hours when it's only a two-and-a-half hour drive," said Marrero. "We still practiced while we were in Akin. We were supposed to have the weekend off, but because of the stupid hurricane we had to practice."

With hopes of all-Marine status still alive, Marrero persisted through strain and fatigue to earn herself a slot on the team.

"I got a stress fracture in my right foot," she said. "I didn't go to medical until after I found out I had made the team."

Marrero celebrated her selection to the team with yet another road trip.

"My sister is a Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune [North Carolina]," she said. "I went up that weekend to see her."

After the short reunion, Marrero returned to Parris Island for a week before packing once again for the Armed Forces Championships at Naval Air Station, Millington, Tenn.

The Marines played their first game against the Army and lost 2-0. They rebounded the following night and tied the Air Force, who eventually won the tournament.

"I didn't even play the first two games in Memphis," said Marrero. "Everyone was hurting – it wasn't just me. My foot was so bad I couldn't even run on it."

Marrero played in her first game against the Navy and managed 45 minutes of playing time despite her injury.

The Marines played each team twice, losing to the Army twice and playing the rest of their

games to a draw. They finished in a tie with the Navy for third place.

The grueling month of soccer playing was over. Marrero finally had time to kick back. Or did she? Her next flight was to San Diego, where her teammates on the MCLB Barstow team were there to greet her.

"I came back just in time for the Western Regionals," she said. "There were only eleven of us, so we played 90 straight minutes every game."

The MCLB Bulldogs only lasted two games in the tournament.

Marrero has had time to heal her wounds and looks forward to the next all-Marine tryouts. Unlike her teammates, who have an entire year to prepare for competition, Marrero plans to try for the women's basketball team in March.

"If I could go for both teams in the same year, that would be great," said Marrero. "But most of all, it's all about having fun."



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Angelina Marrero, fullback, all-Marine women's soccer team.